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Reason for this Transmittal
[] State Law or Regulation Change [] Federal Law or Regulation Change
[] Court Order or Settlement Change
[] Clarification requested by One or More Counties [x] Initiated by DCSS

SUBJECT: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR ISSUES A "COMPLIANCE GUIDE FOR QUALIFIED MEDICAL CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS"

This is to inform you that the United States Department of Labor (DOL) has issued a "Compliance Guide for Qualified Medical Child Support Orders" to assist employers, plan sponsors, service providers and state officials to understand the federal health benefits law concerning medical support orders. The compliance guide answers general questions about the orders, the National Medical Support Notice, the role of state child support enforcement agencies, the coverage for children, and other resources.

The internet link to the DOL compliance guide is http://www.dol.gov/ebsa/publications/qmcso.html.

Additionally, please inform your local child support outreach personnel concerning the DOL compliance guide and its website location.

If you have any questions concerning this CSSIN letter, please send those questions to policy.branch@dcss.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Deputy Director

Child Support Services Division

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